

VOLUNTARY NATIONAL RETAIL FOOD REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS

Clearinghouse Work Group

Fact Sheet



What is the Clearinghouse Workgroup?

The Clearinghouse Work Group was Developed to Provide Answers to Questions About the Implementation of the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Retail Program Standards).

The Clearinghouse Work Group is comprised of various stakeholders from Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Conference for Food Protection (CFP) partners and seeks to promote awareness of resources that are developed by this workgroup that can assist jurisdictions, or regulatory partners, and can be used in the implementation of the Retail Program Standards.



Purpose: The Clearinghouse Work Group develops interpretive responses to questions that come into FDA regarding the Retail Program Standards. This workgroup does not make changes to the Retail Program Standards, but rather interprets them for better understanding and clarification in the implementation and application of the Retail Program Standards. If you have any questions regarding enrollment or implementation to the Retail Program Standards contact your FDA Retail Food Specialist. They will be able to assist you in addressing your question and further assist if the question is better addressed through a Clearinghouse Interpretation.

The Members Consist of:

- Two FDA Retail Food Specialists from the Office of State Cooperative Programs;
- One member from the Retail Food Policy Team in the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN);
- Six state, local, tribal or territorial members (2 representatives from each retail food branch);
- The current Conference for Food Protection Program Standards Committee Chair.

The Clearinghouse Work Group Interpretations Document can be found at:
<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/RetailFoodProtection/ProgramStandards/UCM627375.pdf>

For More Information:
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